

FOLLA

Friends of Lapwing Lane Arcade

Bulletin 25

April 2014

Canopy restoration – progress report

The casting of the 3 replacement columns has delayed completion of the restoration work. Latest word from our contractors, Coppell's, is that they will be finished on site by Friday May 9th. The shop signs should be in place a couple of weeks later. I am writing this on Monday April 28th after visiting the arcade and viewing one of the replacement columns just delivered. To me the ornamentation looks exactly like that on the old columns and I'm expecting it'll be hard to spot the difference between old and new columns when the job is finished. For those of you who haven't been able to visit the arcade recently here are some up-to-date pictures of the work.



Lighting up The Didsburys – Quiz & Auction

Not strictly FOLLA business but we thought you'd like to know.....

The Council is withdrawing funding for shopping area Christmas lights and trees so the local community (via West Didsbury Residents Association and the Didsbury Civic Society) have decided to step into the breach. The first fund-raising event is a Fun Quiz Night with Raffle & Auction (FOLLA 'Friends' will be familiar with these!!).

It will be held at St Catherine's Hall, School Lane on Friday May 23rd starting at 7.30. Tickets are £10 each, include supper, and can be purchased from Fusion Deli, Harriet & Dee and The Parsonage.

The Commemorative Plaque

We had planned a special bulletin for April to show you the Plaque design, but we are still waiting for Pizza Express to agree to have the plaque on their side wall, and for planning permission to be granted. As a result we thought it sensible to wait a little longer before we publicised the design. Thanks for your patience. Consequently we are leaving the 'Pay for a Pane' scheme open until at least the end of May.

After FOLLA what next?

FOLLA is legally obliged to maintain the canopy in good condition for the next 25 years so we ain't going away just yet! This duty of care was necessary to secure the charitable status that has underpinned our grants and the Gift Aid refunds.

To fund ongoing maintenance work each shop unit owner will donate £50 p.a. to FOLLA. To get maintenance funding off to a good start it is important that there is a bit left in the coffers when the main restoration work is complete. So the prospect of a positive balance (as shown below) is good news for us all.

The Bottom Line – as at April 28th

Items to-date	Out £	In £
Campaign costs (stationery, hiring, etc.)	1,384	
Fees (Legal, Architect, Planning, etc)	7,979	
Build work (inc. new metal & drainage)	16,813	
Shop signs / Shopkeepers' donations	2,000	1,900
Donations from 771 'Friends'		7,612
Pay for a Pane (174 lines on plaque)		24,832
Council Grant		16,000
Heritage Lottery Grant (90%)		22,500
Net receipts from socials, raffles, etc.		7,728
Gift aid refunds from HMRC		6,042
TOTALS to-date	28,176	86,614
NET TOTAL FUNDS to-date	£58,438	
Items to come	Out £	In £
Fees (Legal, Architect, Planning, etc)	2,536	
Build work (inc. new metal & drainage)	51,884	
Shop signs / Shopkeepers' donations	2,000	100
Plaque design & installation	550	
Heritage & Launch costs	1,560	
Contingency	3,552	
Pledged Donations/Pay for a Pane (<i>est</i>)		3,885
Heritage Lottery Grant (10%)		2,500
Gift aid refunds from HMRC (<i>est</i>)		200
TOTALS to come	62,082	6,685
Target & Currently expected Income	90,258	93,299

£90,000

£85,000

£80,000

£75,000

£70,000

£65,000

£60,000

£55,000

£50,000

£45,000

£40,000

£35,000

£30,000

£25,000

£20,000

£15,000

£10,000

£5,000